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# News Release

## **44 MEXICANS DEPORTED BY ICE**

*Those deported were among the 66 illegal aliens arrested last week found working at a federal construction site in Orlando*

ORLANDO – U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) announced that a 39-year-old citizen of Mexico that was arrested last week for illegally working at a federal construction site here was among 44 individuals deported Monday to Mexico on a U.S. government flight.

Aron Gonzalez-Posadas, who admitted to being in the country illegally, waived his right to a hearing before an immigration judge and asked to be removed to his home country.

All of those deported have been imposed re-entry bars for being illegally present in the United States. Some have been barred from re-entering the country for three years, while others have been barred for 10 years.

“These removals are indicative of ICE’s commitment to swiftly remove those who have no legal right to remain in the United States,” said Michael Rozos, ICE’s field office director for detention and removal in Florida. “Those who break our laws must know that we will work quickly to remove them to restore integrity to our nation’s immigration system.”

The 22 remaining illegal aliens are in ICE custody awaiting the outcome of their cases.

The Office of Detention and Removal (DRO) focuses on promoting public safety and national security by ensuring that all aliens who are subject to deportation are removed from the United States as expeditiously as possible.

Last year, ICE removed a record setting 160,000 aliens; approximately 53 percent were criminal aliens. ICE’s Florida field office has removed 1,617 aliens since the beginning of Fiscal Year 05; 862 were criminal aliens.

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*U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of five integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.*

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